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**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 3621
Docket No.: 1405.1020**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Hideyuki HIRANO et al.

Serial No. 09/559,259

Group Art Unit: 3621

Confirmation No. 2237

Filed: April 27, 2000

Examiner: James A. Reagan

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This is in response to the final Office Action mailed January 13, 2004, and having a period for response set to expire on April 13, 2004. A petition for a one-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to May 13, 2004.

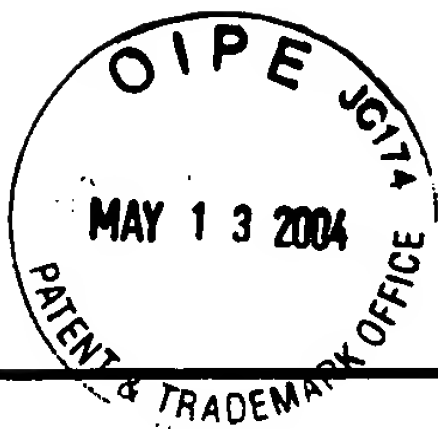
The following remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested, because it is believed that the remarks clarify the patentably distinguishing features of the present invention without requiring further search and the application should be in condition for allowance.

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REPLY/AMENDMENT FEE TRANSMITTAL	Attorney Docket No.	1405.1020	
	Application Number	09/559,259	
	Filing Date	April 27, 2000	
	First Named Inventor	Hideyuki HIRANO et al.	
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FEE CALCULATION (fees effective 10/01/03)

CLAIMS AS AMENDED	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Number Extra	Rate	Calculations
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INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	3	- 3 =	0	X \$ 86.00 =	0.00
Since an Official Action set an <u>original</u> due date of <u>April 13, 2004</u> , petition is hereby made for an extension to cover the date this reply is filed for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month (\$110); 2 months (\$420); 3 months (\$950); 4 months (\$1,480); 5 months (\$2,010)):					110.00
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